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To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

Pursuant to Article LVI, as amended by Article XC, Section 3 of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I am returning to you for amendment Section 17 of "An Act Making Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2008 for the Maintenance of the Departments, Boards, Commissions, Institutions and Certain Activities of the Commonwealth, for Interest, Sinking Fund and Serial Bond Requirements and for Certain Permanent Improvements."

Section 17's purpose is to authorize the Division of Unemployment Assistance ("DUA"), in furtherance of the health care reform act (the "Act"), to share information that businesses shortly will begin filing with DUA concerning employer-sponsored health insurance. Because of statutory confidentiality rules, see M.G.L. c. 151A, § 46, such information sharing requires express legislative authorization.

I support such information sharing where, as here, it is necessary to further the administration and enforcement of the Act. I have two concerns, however, with Section 17's language. First, as presently worded, Section 17 only authorizes DUA to share information with the division of health care finance and policy ("DHCFP"), and I am informed that DUA also needs to share information with the commonwealth health insurance connector.

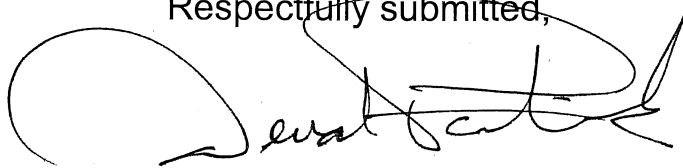
Second, because of the omission of the word "information," Section 17 does not, even as to DHCFP, convey the authorization intended.

For these reasons, I recommend that Section 17 be amended by striking out the current language and inserting in place thereof the following:-

SECTION 17. Subsection (c) of section 46 of chapter 151A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding the following clause:-

(7) to the division of health care finance and policy, information under an interagency agreement for the administration and enforcement of sections 6B, 6C and 18B of chapter 118G and for the administration of the fair share employer contribution requirement under section 188 of chapter 149; and to the commonwealth health insurance connector authority, information under an interagency agreement for the administration and enforcement of chapter 111M, chapter 118H, chapter 151F and chapter 176Q.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David F. Carter", is written over the text "Respectfully submitted,". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning and a long, sweeping tail.